

**Millions of Grasshoppers Killed.**  
From the Garden and Forest.

When the English took possession of the Island of Cyprus it was annually ravaged by grasshoppers to such a degree that its crops were hardly worth consideration. In five years, at a cost of only some \$300,000, the insects were destroyed, and it now costs but \$8000 a year to keep the land free from their ravages. The method used to such good effect is now being tried with results which promise to be equally satisfactory in Algiers and Spain. When a column of grasshoppers are known to be approaching, a screen formed of cotton cloth, about sixty yards in length and one yard in width, is stretched in front of it, sometimes in a straight and sometimes in a V-shaped line. Along the upper edge of the cloth a strip of oiled or varnished stuff is sown, over which the insects cannot crawl; and in front of it great pits are dug, the borders of which are encircled by strips of zinc slanting downward. These pits are soon filled with the grasshoppers, which are tramped down by bare-footed natives and buried under earth with which disinfectants are often mixed. According to Le Genie Civil, it is estimated that this year 400,000,000 of grasshoppers were thus destroyed in Algiers by the middle of June. It is needless that the screens should be spread in early morning, when the insects benumbed by the night cold, are unable to fly over it, and then men should be employed to keep the column as compact as possible.

**Marriage Customs in Italy.**

The Italian lover has always an eye to the main chance. Before venturing upon any marriage proposal the lover makes it his business to find out what dowry is likely to be settled on the bride, and should it not come up to his expectations, at once transfers his affections elsewhere. The question of dowry is discussed, and the amount bargained for, much in the same way as the shopkeepers haggle over their wares. \* \* \* The bride in Italy is always supposed to furnish all the household linen for her establishment; not to be able to do so is a matter of disgrace. The number of articles included in her trousseau is enormous, and each one must be numbered by dozens. This is an excellent rule as far as the husband is concerned, for it frees him from any anxiety for years on account of the state of his wife's wardrobe; but, on the other hand, the poor are often unable to scrape together the clothes which the unwritten rule of society demands from them, and in many cases marriages are postponed from year to year until the requisite amount is provided.

**Wonderful Feat of Memory.**

Bets involving extraordinary and almost impossible feats have frequently been made and won. Some years since, when the late Rev. Henry Ward Beecher was delivering lectures throughout the country, Col. de Mores, of the Troy Times made a bet that he would sit on the stage with the orator, remember every word he said and publish it in his paper the next morning. The wager being accepted, Colonel de Mores sat on the platform near Mr. Beecher, and at the conclusion of the lecture went to the office of the Troy Times and without halt or stop dictated the entire discourse word for word.

**Only Waiting.**

From the Philadelphia Record.  
Housekeeper (after dining a tramp)—Why don't you go to work?  
Tramp—I am not able to do hard work, madam. As a boy I was obliged to go to Sunday school in all sorts of weather, and it made me very delicate, madam.  
"Oh, well; seems to me you might get something indoors, cleaning out offices for instance. Why, don't you seek a position as janitor of an office?"  
"Madam, I am a man of high principle, and I hold, madam, that the office should seek the man, not the man the office. Thanks for this banquet. If you see an office hunting for me tell it I've gone up the road."

In a public school building in St. Louis, the heating apparatus got out of order, causing a great noise and escape of steam, which frightened the pupils, and they became panic-stricken. Two teachers, in attempting to stop the stampede, were trampled upon and severely injured, also several of the pupils.

After having listened at a Thanksgiving dinner to Jones' stale jokes, Smith said: "I say Jones, the Thanksgiving turkey is luckier than we are." Jones—"In what way?" "He isn't stuffed with chestnuts until after he is dead."

At Wytheville, Va., Thursday, a band of armed men, wearing masks, broke open the jail and rescued Wyman Sutton, under sentence of death for the murder of Peter Harvel. He was to have been executed Friday.

Let us beware of losing our enthusiasm. Let us ever glory in something, and strive to retain our admiration for all that would enable, and our interest in all that would enrich and beautify our lives.

The following teachers have been chosen for the Baker City public school: Geo. A. Peebles, Rev. J. S. Bingham, Miss Ella Woods, Miss Jennie Keough and Mrs. P. R. Bishop.

The other day the daughter of a farmer went out into a corn-field carrying with her a copy of Miss Rives' "Quick or the Dead." The corn was shocked.

"Was Micky drunk, poor, when he fell off the scaffold?" "Well, yer honor, after he tumbled he seemed to have a dhrup too much."

The man who went to school with Benjamin Harrison is coming to the front in all parts of the country.

In a street riot between Prussia and Italian miners at Mt. Carmel, Pa. several were fatally wounded.

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